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Water District's mission:  
To serve our customers  
through efficient  
management and  
distribution of a sufficient  
supply of quality water  
at a fair cost.*

September 23, 1999

Mr. Rick Breitenbach  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth St., Suite 1155  
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Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

On behalf of the Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa) we would like to express our opinion on the CALFED Programmatic EIR/EIS. The Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) retained an attorney to review the EIR/EIS. The legal review finds that CALFED falls short of the minimum requirements. Instead, it appears it is based on some faulty assumptions and glosses over adverse consequences rather than an environmental document to inform the public about the environmental implications of the project.

Specifically, the EIR/EIS fails to address potential significant environmental impacts of the preferred alternatives in the areas of:

- ◆ Groundwater degradation
- ◆ Impairment of water quality impacts on conservation and recycling
- ◆ Impact of reduced water supply reliability
- ◆ Increased total organic compounds and bromides in drinking water

We respectfully request, that CALFED take a closer look at the environmental implications of the project and address the significant impacts as described above.

Sincerely,

Karl Kemp  
General Manager